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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/647,517
Filed: August 26, 2003
Title: **Transgenic Plants Containing Altered Levels of Sterol Compounds and Tocopherols**
Applicants: Mylavarapu VENKATRAMESH *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16518.132

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed November 18, 2003;
2. a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application;
3. a copy of 10 pages of drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12);
4. a copy of the Official Filing Receipt from parent application 09/548,256, mailed October 17, 2000;
5. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Mylavarapu VENKATRAMESH on October 10, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
6. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by David R. CORBIN on March 18, 2003, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
7. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by B. Ganesh BHAT on October 7, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
8. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Sekhar S. BODDUPALLI on October 7, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;

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9. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Robert J. GREBENOK on March 13, 2003, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
10. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Ganesh M. KISHORE on October 21, 2002, previously submitted on August 26 2003;
11. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Kathryn D. LARDIZABAL on October 9, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
12. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Michael W. LASSNER on October 7, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
13. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Shaukat H. RANGWALA on October 8, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
14. a copy of a Substitute Declaration executed by Balasulojini KARUNANANDAA on October 8, 2002, previously submitted on August 26, 2003;
15. an Information Disclosure Statement;
16. a PTO-1449 Form (8 pages) with (9) accompanying references; and
17. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16516.132. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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